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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 3 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see subject 1. on extra sheet

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

EUR 945,00 x 2 = EUR 1.890,00
 Fee per additional invention number of additional inventions total amount of additional fees

Or, _____ x _____ = _____

The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. Claim(s) Nos. see remark have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-23, all partially

Protein having at least 60% identity to the G-protein coupled receptor protein "17724" as represented by seq.ID.2, nucleic acid encoding it or having 60% identity to seq.ID.1, vector comprising said nucleic acid, host comprising said vector, method for producing said protein using said host, method for identifying an agent which binds to or modulates the activity of said protein, antibody specific for said protein, methods for detecting the presence of said protein or said nucleic acid, and use of said binding compound to modulate the activity of said protein.

2. Claims: 1-23, all partially

Protein having at least 60% identity to the G-protein coupled receptor protein "31945" as represented by seq.ID.5, nucleic acid encoding it or having 60% identity to seq.ID.4, vector comprising said nucleic acid, host comprising said vector, method for producing said protein using said host, method for identifying an agent which binds to or modulates the activity of said protein, antibody specific for said protein, methods for detecting the presence of said protein or said nucleic acid, and use of said binding compound to modulate the activity of said protein.

3. Claims: 1-23, all partially

Protein having at least 60% identity to the G-protein coupled receptor protein "50228" as represented by seq.ID.8, nucleic acid encoding it or having 60% identity to seq.ID.7, vector comprising said nucleic acid, host comprising said vector, method for producing said protein using said host, method for identifying an agent which binds to or modulates the activity of said protein, antibody specific for said protein, methods for detecting the presence of said protein or said nucleic acid, and use of said binding compound to modulate the activity of said protein.

G-protein coupled receptors (and hence also 7-TM proteins) and their uses are known from e.g. WO9846620 and WO9963087.

In the light of this prior art, the problem underlying the present application has been defined as the provision of further G-protein coupled receptor proteins and nucleic acids encoding them.
The solutions lie in the provision of the proteins:

1. "17724",
2. "31945",
3. "50288", and nucleic acids encoding them.

In view of the fact that G-protein coupled receptors are already known, due to the essential difference in primary structures and

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putative functions of the receptors of the solutions, and since no other special technical feature, common to these solutions could be distinguished, the ISA is of the opinion that there is no single inventive concept underlying the plurality of claimed inventions of the present application within the sense of Rule 13.1 PCT. Consequently there is a lack of unity and the different inventions, not belonging to a common inventive concept, are formulated above as the different subjects on the communication pursuant to Art. 17(3)(a) PCT.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 206

Continuation of Box 3.

Although claims 21 and 22 in as far as they pertain to in vivo use are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 99 64576 A (BURGESS CHRISTOPHER C ;BUSHNELL STEVEN E (US); CARROLL EDDIE III () 16 December 1999 (1999-12-16) * see seq.ID.510 *	1,3-5,7, 8,16-18
X	--- DATABASE EMBL [Online] Entry HS408N23, Acc.no. Z98048, 24 July 1997 (1997-07-24) HUNT, A.: "Human DNA sequence from clone RP3-408N23 on chromosome 22q13..." XP002171470 * see nt. 96680-97100 *	1,3-5,7, 16
A	WO 98 46620 A (MILLENNIUM PHARM INC) 22 October 1998 (1998-10-22) the whole document	---
A	WO 99 63087 A (HODG MARTIN R ;GLUCKSMANN MARIA ALEXANDRA (US); MILLENNIUM PHARM I) 9 December 1999 (1999-12-09) the whole document	---
P,X	--- DATABASE EMBL [Online] Entry HS057D181, Acc.no. AL365514, 12 July 2000 (2000-07-12) COLLINS, J.E. ET AL.: "Novel human gene mapping to chromosome 22." XP002171471 the whole document	1-3,5, 7-9,12

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO 9964576	A 16-12-1999	AU 4053699	A 30-12-1999	A 30-12-1999
		EP 1086213	A 28-03-2001	28-03-2001
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WO 9846620	A 22-10-1998	US 5891720	A 06-04-1999	06-04-1999
		AU 6973698	A 11-11-1998	11-11-1998
		EP 1007536	A 14-06-2000	14-06-2000
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WO 9963087	A 09-12-1999	AU 4544999	A 20-12-1999	20-12-1999
		EP 1084241	A 21-03-2001	21-03-2001
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